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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

No. 239

May 1, 1941.

U.S. TO EXPAND LATIN AMERICAN PURCHASES, Federal Loan Administrator Jesse L. Jones announced. Mr. Jones said Warren Lee Pierson, president of Export-Import Bank, who has been touring South America, is making survey of commodities which U.S. could purchase from Latin America and which are needed or are not produced here. He said that of loans authorized by Export-Import Bank "very little has been taken" by borrowing countries. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS SETS NEW RECORDS for earnings and services in 1940. Corporation's annual report shows new records in net earnings, route miles operated, plane and passenger miles flown and passengers carried. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ARGENTINE FOOD PRODUCTS FOR FRANCE sought by French Ambassador in conversation with Acting President Castillo. Vichy wishes to purchase meat, wheat and corn, it is said. No indication is given as to how it is proposed to transport food through the British blockade. (N.Y. Times)

COSTA RICAN LEADERS BREAK RELATIONS. Report says former President León Cortés Castro may head opposition to present Costa Rican government after political break with President Rafael Angel Calderón Guardia. Señor Cortés announced he had requested his son, Javier Cortés, consul in New York, to resign. (N.Y. Times).

AMERICAN YACHT OWNER RELEASED IN CUBA after being detained when his yacht, the Ezegoing, was taken into custody by Cuban gunboat. Authorities said investigation showed that Frederick Wagner was a resident of Florida and that his papers were in order. (N.Y. Times).

FULL ECUADOREAN AID TO U.S. SELN in statement by Dr. Carlos A. Arroyo del Río, President, that Ecuador, "with its broad and sincere American spirit, will not refuse its aid in the service of American ideals." Attitude of officials seen as assuring Ecuador's intention of full cooperation in protecting Panama Canal. (Harold Callender in N.Y. Times).

ECUADOREAN NAVAL OFFICERS LEAVE FOR U.S. to join other Latin American naval missions in visit to naval establishments. (N.Y. Times).

MEXICO PAYS U.S. OIL FIRM for properties expropriated in 1938. Consolidated Oil Corp. announced \$4,000,000 had been paid, complying in full with terms for first year of contract entered into at time of expropriation. (Washington Post).

FINAL STEP IN PANAMA DEBT ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM taken as republic offers settlement to holders of arrears certificates issued under temporary plan in 1933. Complete acceptance of offer would involve issuance of \$986,100 of new bonds and would result in total external debt for Panama of \$16,321,100. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

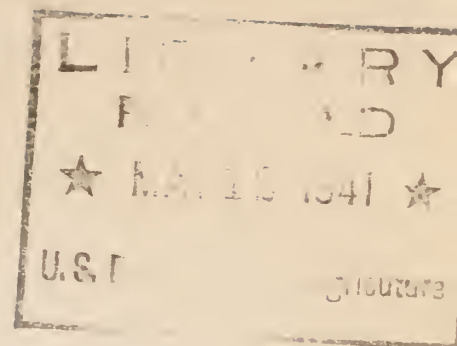
GERMAN FUGITIVE FROM U.S. REACHES HOME, according to German circles in Lima, Peru. Baron Franz von Werra escaped from Canadian prison camp and later disappeared from U.S., skipping \$15,000 bail. Reports say he flew from La Paz, Bolivia, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on German-controlled airline and then across Atlantic on Italian plane. (N.Y. Times).

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FUNDS FOR PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY asked by President Roosevelt in special message to Congress. Accompanying President's message were report from Secretary of State Hull and bill to authorize appropriation. Under this bill, U.S. would finance up to two-thirds of cost of construction necessary to complete 1,550-mile stretch of highway from southern border of Mexico to Panama Canal, passing through six countries and every Central American capital except Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Official estimate of maximum cost to United States officially estimated at \$20,000,000. Secretary Hull stated that one of main objectives of road is to help Central American republics meet economic strains imposed by European war. War and Navy Departments, he said, believe it would also help in defense of Caribbean area. (N.Y. Times).

LATIN AMERICAN NAVAL LEADERS ARRIVE for conferences on hemisphere defense. Represented, on invitation of Admiral Stark, will be all the Latin American nations having navies: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. All delegates will arrive in U.S. by Saturday. (Washington Post).

U.S. ENVOY TO CUBA ENTERTAINED at luncheon at Cuban Embassy by the Ambassador, Dr. Aurelio F. Conchoso. Sharing honors with U.S. Ambassador George S. Messersmith were Dr. Raúl Maestri, assistant director of Cuba newspaper, Diario de la Marina, and Lieut. Col. Robert E. Cummings, who has been named military attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Havana. (Washington Post).

ECUADOREAN IMPORT BOARD PUTS TAX ON IMPORTS of some commodities. Surcharge of 20 percent not called customs duty, since that might conflict with reciprocal trade treaties. Articles affected include automobiles, except trucks; some steel and iron products; radios valued at \$50 or more; refrigerators valued at \$100 or more; soaps and toilet goods. (N.Y. Times).

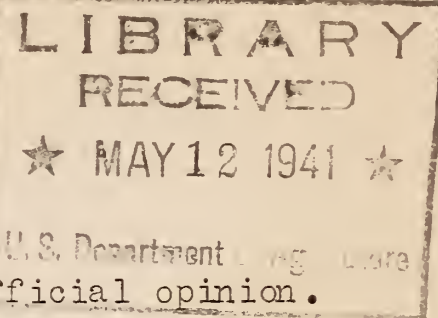
EARTHQUAKE IN EL SALVADOR arouses residents of San Salvador. No material damage reported. (N.Y. Times).

D.A.R. TO VISIT MEXICO on good-will pilgrimage arranged by District of Colombia chapter. Tour will leave the East July 19 and Chicago July 20. (Washington Post).

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MEETING in Washington, draws experts from U.S. and tropical countries. Meeting under chairmanship of Knowles A. Ryerson, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture, Davis, California, were James F. Abel, Chief, Division of Comparative Education, Office of Education; Arthur Bevan, Director, Tropical Forest Experiment Station, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; E. N. Bressnan, Assistant Director, Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations; Thomas Fennell, Agricultural Adviser to the Haitian Government, Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Philip Leonard Green, Latin American Specialist, Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations; H. H. Hume, Dean, College of Agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida; J. G. Lee, Jr., Dean, College of Agriculture, University, Louisiana; Harry M. Miller, Jr., Assistant Director, The Rockefeller Foundation, New York City; John C. Patterson, Senior Specialist in Higher Education Related to Latin America, U.S. Office of Education; Wilson Popenoe, United Fruit Company; and Charles A. Thomson, Chief, Division of Cultural Relations, State Department. Two-day discussions centers around methods for improving cooperation in agricultural education. Committee, appointed by President Roosevelt, endorses Institute of Tropical Agriculture, increased scholarships for Latin American agricultural students in U.S., larger extension services in Latin America, further research on Latin American agricultural institutions, development of Latin American civilization courses in U.S. agricultural institutions, and promotion of agricultural information exchange through publications, radio and motion pictures. (Interview with Knowles A. Ryerson, Chairman of Committee on Inter-American Cooperation in Agricultural Education.)

INTER-AMERICAN TRADE IMPORTANT IN DEFENSE, says Raymong H. Geist, Chief of Division of Commercial Affairs, Department of State, in talk before Foreign Trade Club of New York University. Western Hemisphere must become ever stronger, he said, "that out of our abundance the rest of the world...may draw the means of recovery." (N.Y. Times).

NAZI COUNTERFEITING IN COSTA RICA connected with arrest of Humbert Adrians, Netherland Nazi held at San José for deportation. Search of his house revealed equipment for counterfeiting Costa Rican coins. Reports from El Salvador say many persons refuse to accept one-colón and half-colón coins because of large amount of counterfeit money in circulation, believed of German origin. (N.Y. Times)

NEW MINISTER FROM NICARAGUA TO ARGENTINA will be Dr. Francisco Jiménez. Both countries to study prospects for increased trade. (N.Y. Times).

VENEZUELA OFFERS TO GIVE LAND for an Institute of Tropical Agriculture. Site would be selected from tract of 10,000 hectares, situated three kilometers from seaport of Puerto Cabello. (Washington Star).





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LATIN AMERICAN NAVY OFFICERS' TOUR BEGINS. Traveling in two 21-passenger airplanes, group from 11 nations left Miami Sunday, will spend four days in Washington, arrive in New York City May 12 and go to Pacific Coast before completing three-week tour. (N. Y. Times).

SOUTH AMERICA EXPANDING PILOT TRAINING, report two Bolivian pilots, beginning flight from New York City to La Paz, Bolivia. Capt. Rafael Suárez-Rivas and Capt. Alberto Taborga say their government alone plans to train 2,000 pilots in next two years in cooperating with U.S. in hemisphere defense. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

REPORT ARGENTINE BEEF PURCHASES FOR U.S. troops stationed at new Caribbean bases. The Standard, English-language newspaper in Buenos Aires, says 70 tons of foreign beef were shipped last week. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

U.S. MOVIE BANNED IN BUENOS AIRES after police are needed to quell opening-night disturbance. Protest was against scenes in "Argentine Nights" purporting to show Argentine types and customs. Wrote La Nación's film editor: "As long as Hollywood insists on seeing Argentina as an incredibly ridiculous tropical country, no Pan American understanding is possible..." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

COFFEE SHIP LEAVES BRAZIL FOR TURKEY under Panama flag, but with crew of nine nationalities, none Panamanians, aboard. "We seek adventure, and besides we are being well paid," said a crew member, as voyage to Istanbul began. Freighter Ponce carried 26,607 bags of coffee. (N.Y. Times).

20,000 HOMELESS IN BRAZILIAN FLOOD, as entire business district of Porto Alegre is inundated. Much damage caused to rice plantations. Flood followed heavy rains and strong winds in State of Rio Grande do Sul. (N.Y. Times).

BRAZILIAN ADMIRAL TOASTS CLOSER U.S. RELATIONS at luncheon in Miami of naval officials from Latin American nations beginning U.S. tour. Vice Admiral José Machado de Castro Silva, chief of staff of the Brazilian Navy, drank champagne toast to Pan American Airways as symbol of unity between Americans. (Washington Post).

ITALIAN SHIP CAPTAIN ARRESTED IN RIO DE JANEIRO for alleged attempt to incite mutiny of crew of Yugoslavian vessel Sloga, scheduled to sail for Australia with cargo of minerals. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

MEXICAN COMMUNIST LEADER BARRED FROM CHILE by Under Secretary of Justice Marcelo Ruiz. Alfaro Siquieros had been granted "limited entry as a tourist" in Havana last week after leaving Mexico City, where he is free on bail as material witness in first attempt on life of Leon Trotsky. (N.Y. Times).

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BRITISH AID ORGANIZED IN EL SALVADOR by Mrs. Robert Frazer, wife of the American Minister. Used clothing will be collected and sold and funds contributed to British Red Cross. (N.Y. Times).

JAPANESE OFFICIAL TOURS LATIN AMERICA. Lieut. Col. Fosiaki Naishi, Japanese military attaché in Mexico, leaves Guatemala for El Salvador on trip to all Central and South American capitals. (N.Y. Times).

U.S.-MEXICO TALKS CONTINUE, with Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles and Dr. Francisco Castillo Nájera, Mexican Ambassador, reporting encouraging progress. No immediate settlement of oil controversy seen. (N.Y. Times).

MAY DAY PARADERS IN MEXICO BURN NAZI FLAG. Vera Cruz city officials investigating incident, in which parading workers tore flag from staff at German Consulate and burned it outside city hall. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

BROTHER OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT MAY GET CABINET POST. General Maximino Avila Camacho may be appointed Secretary of Communications and Public Works on return from U.S. trip. (N.Y. Times).

NEW NICARAGUAN CONSUL GENERAL AT NEW YORK, Dr. Narciso Lacayo Pallais, a lawyer from Matagalpa, appointed by President Anastasio Somoza. (N.Y. Times).

RIOTING IN PANAMA results in injury of six American soldiers and a Colón municipal policeman. Police said rioting broke out in cabaret and spread to street as hundreds of soldiers, sailors and marines, out to spend pay checks, mingled with Panamanians and American contractors and laborers. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

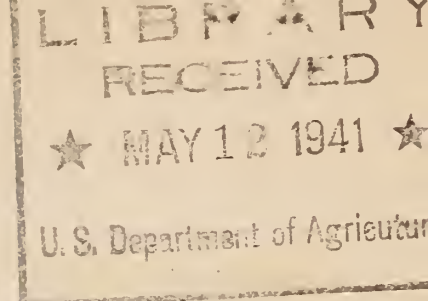
PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT'S SON TO WARM SPRINGS for infantile paralysis treatment at invitation of President Roosevelt. Six-year-old Higinio Morínigo, Jr., has had disease since 1937. (Washington Post).

VENEZUELAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICES ELECTED by Congress to serve until 1946. Term begins Monday with inauguration of new administration. (N.Y. Times).

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ROOSEVELT TO ADDRESS PAN AMERICAN UNION at its meeting in Washington May 14, the White House announces. Believed President will make important pronouncements regarding Western Hemisphere defense. Other Latin American news in Washington: plans announced to welcome Latin American naval officials and Dr. Enrique Ruiz-Guinazu, new foreign minister of Argentina. (Washington Post).

LATIN AMERICAN NOVELISTS ENTERTAINED at cocktail party at home of Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle. Representatives of Latin American diplomatic corps, State Department and Pan American Union present at entertainment for first three prize winners in Latin American novel contest, who are visiting in U.S. (Washington Post).

ITINERARY OF VISITING NAVAL CHIEFS announced by Navy Department. Rear Admiral Augustin Toutant Beauregard of the U.S. Navy will accompany visitors as representative of Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ARGENTINE ADMIRAL ARRIVES to participate in naval tour. Admiral José Guisasola, chief of general staff of Argentine Navy, reaches New York on liner Brazil. Also on board were 12 journalists and educators from Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, returning from two-month tour of Latin America. (N.Y. Times).

SALE OF BOLIVIAN TUNGSTEN TO U.S. contemplated under contract between Metals Reserve Co. of Reconstruction Finance Corp. and Banco Minero of Bolivian tungsten producers. U.S. has proposed to buy entire Bolivian ore output of 3,000 pounds a year at \$17 a ton, \$6 less than price received lately from Japan. Bolivian Government said to be receptive to U.S. offer because of stability of U.S. market, need for coordination of Western Hemisphere defense and possibility that Japan's entry into war would prevent shipment of ore. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

BOLIVIAN EDUCATOR ARRIVES for three-month tour of educational centers at invitation of U.S. Government. Dr. Carlos Salamanca, member of Bolivian Congress and professor of law at University of Cochabamba, said: "The one weak link in the Good Neighbor Policy is Bolivia. It is hoped...that some of the points of misunderstanding may be cleared up so that mutually satisfactory relations between our two countries may be established." (N.Y. Times).

BRAZILIAN FLOOD STILL RISING, with homeless totaling 40,000 and damage estimated at \$5,000,000. Rice crops and reserve stocks of sugar, salt and rice reported totally destroyed in flooded area. (N.Y. Times).

BRAZIL HATLS PRICE RISES BY DECREE prohibiting increases and setting prices at which products must be sold. Prices of tomatoes and onions had risen 300 percent, other vegetables and fruits 50 to 100 percent, and rents 25 to 30 percent. (N.Y. Times).

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PRESS OF EL SALVADOR CRITICIZES PICTURE distributed by U.S. syndicate, caption of which states that Señorita Ethel Canessa was elected "Miss Central America" by popular vote of San Salvador. San Salvador is an island in the Bahamas. (N.Y. Times).

U.S. HAITIAN GOVERNMENTS AGREE ON RUBBER PROGRAM, calling for extensive planting of rubber trees following success with experimental station and breeding gardens already established by U.S. Department of Agriculture. Credits up to \$500,000 will be extended by Export-Import Bank for highway and irrigation projects and to provide transportation facilities for areas to be planted to rubber. Agreement also provides for development of Haiti's banana plantations, planting of oil crops, drug plants, spices, fiber plants, stimulation of handicraft industries and development of forestry resources. (N.Y. Times).

REPORT MEXICO WILL SELL OIL TO BRITAIN through National Petroleum Export Co., government foreign-marketing agency. Report said oil will be bought from independent producers to make greater shipments to Britain possible. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

MEXICANS ASK RELEASE OF SPANISH PAINTER, Pablo Picasso, from French concentration camp. Sixty Mexican artists and writers arrange for his admission to Mexico if release can be obtained. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

SALARIES OF NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT WORKERS RAISED 10 percent through increase in annual budget. (N.Y. Times).

SHIPS NEEDED IN NICARAGUA, with several American and Nicaraguan firms announcing they must close their businesses unless ships can be obtained from U.S. for shipment of mahogany logs. (N.Y. Times).

GERMAN AIRLINE IN ECUADOR TO CEASE OPERATION at end of this month, when it receives last consignment of gasoline from International Petroleum Co. of Peru. This will remove last German airline from northern South America, leaving German lines only in Argentina, Brazil and Chile. (N.Y. Times).

COURT ORDERS SABOTAGED SHIP MOVED to undesignated U.S. port. Italian tanker Colorado will be repaired following sabotage by crew. (N.Y. Times).

VENEZUELA INDUCTS NEW PRESIDENT, General Isaias Medina Angarita, in impressive ceremony before Congress, government officials and diplomatic corps. Accompanied by retiring President, General Eleazar López Contreras, General Medina received keys to chest containing Venezuelan laws of 1811 and urn that holds ashes of the Liberator, General Simón Bolívar. (N.Y. Times).

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LATIN AMERICA OFFERS TEST OF TRADE THEORY that each nation should produce goods for which it is best suited and should have clear field in marketing its specialties abroad, says special writer, quoting Dr. Edward G. Gagneux, assistant general manager of Banco Central de la Republica Argentina. Fact that industrialization of Latin America is just beginning seen as offering this opportunity to prevent development of trade rivalries which have caused trouble between nations in other parts of world. Success of inter-American coffee agreement cited as example of how plan would work. (Charles E. Egan in N.Y. Times).

MAKING FRIENDS TO THE SOUTH IS HUGE TASK, writes Marquis W. Childs in review of work of Office of Coordinator of Commercial and Cultural Relations. Immediate task, says writer, is to continue movement of manufactured goods to Latin America despite defense program. Reports some opposition in government circles to creation of Coordinator's office, but agreement that Office has been able to obtain larger appropriations than would have been available otherwise. Says greatest difficulty is that Latin Americans tend to believe we seek their friendship only during emergency, will forget them after danger is past. (Marquis W. Childs in N.Y. Times).

WARNS AGAINST LATIN AMERICAN "EXPERTS," attempting to capitalize on current interest by becoming lecturers and writers, although their knowledge of Latin America is based on "reading and a few trips." Says Dr. Edwin Ryan of Catholic University: "Latin America is so vast a field that no one can hope to master more than one phase of it, and that only after arduous study...and those who are genuinely interested in Latin American affairs and would like to see the present effort for closer ties between our Latin neighbors and ourselves bear real fruit would be more at ease were that effort directed exclusively by persons who would guide it sanely...and not suffer it to degenerate into the hysteria which it threatens to become." (Washington Star).

NAZI AMBASSADOR PROTESTS TO ARGENTINA against press reports of a German plot to take over the country and comparison of Adolf Hitler to Al Capone. Terms reports published in newspaper, Accion Argentina, and weekly magazine, Desfiles, "criminal action." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

DR. SALAMANCA OF BOLIVIA ENTERTAINED at luncheon at Pan American Union. Member of Bolivian Congress in Washington for two weeks at invitation of U.S. Government. (Washington Post).

GREATER FISCAL AUTONOMY FOR HAITI seen in agreement with U.S. under which National Bank of the Republic of Haiti will control and operate Haitian budget, terminating U.S. supervision of Haitian customs and revenue collections. Agreement includes provision for protection of holders of Haitian bonds issued in 1922. (N.Y. Times).

MEXICO STANDS WITH OTHER DEMOCRACIES against totalitarian expansion, says Ezequiel Padilla, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, in current issue of "International Conciliation." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

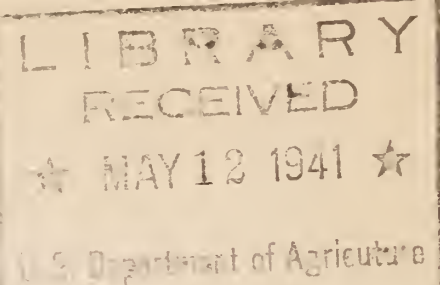
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U.S. MAY SET UP OWN AIRLINES to Latin America and other Western Hemisphere points, under amendments to Reconstruction Finance Act, says Federal Loan Administrator Jesse H. Jones. Bill to amend RFC charter has been approved by House Banking and Currency Committee. Jones also revealed Export-Import Bank credit to Colombia, part to be used for agricultural diversification and part for public works program. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

LATIN AMERICAN SALES INCREASE in countries where United States firms replaced pro-Nazi or anti-American representatives with loyal executives, report businessmen at meeting of foreign credit interchange bureau of National Association of Credit Men. Said one manufacturer: "We have discovered we were getting less than two-thirds of the volume we should have had in countries where anti-American agents handled our sales in the last 10 years." (N.Y. Times).

HOLLYWOOD SELECTS ADVISER ON LATIN AMERICAN FILMS. Addison Durland, recently head of National Broadcasting Company's Latin American Department in New York, named to pass on all scripts dealing with Latin America. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ARGENTINE NEWSPAPER SEES GERMAN PLOT to dominate Argentina. Critica quotes speech alleged to have been made at German Embassy March 5 by Heinrich Vollberg, head of German trade promotion office. Newspaper calls for energetic defense measures. (N.Y. Times).

BOLIVIA DECREES SEIZURE OF GERMAN AIR LINE, acquiring remaining shares in Lloyd Aero Boliviano, of which it already owned 40 percent. After shares have been valued by court, government will take over line, pending approval of Pan American-Grace Airways' proposals to assume management. (N.Y. Times).

CHILE CANCELS ORDERS FOR U.S. COAL totaling 45,000 tons because of freighter shortage. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CHILEAN GOVERNMENT 'REQUISITIONS' TROLLEYS after 6,000 employees of Santiago trolley company go on strike, asking higher wages. Guards also thrown about plant of Chilean Electric Co., where workers have announced strike plans. Most of capital of both companies represents North American investment. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

GERMAN PROPAGANDA AFFECTS ECUADOR neighbors, largely because Ecuador's financial straits make it receptive to appeal of "have-nots" against "haves," says correspondent. Reports three openly pro-Nazi newspapers and well-organized personnel among German businessmen in Ecuador. (By Harold Callender in N.Y. Times).

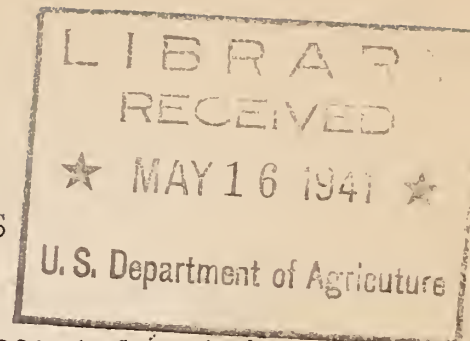
NICARAGUA JAILS NAZI LEADER, Immo Boehmer, charging with sending Exchange Control Commission letter threatening country with destruction unless exchange privileges were granted to him. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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ALL AMERICAN REPUBLICS SHARE DANGER, warns Secretary of State Hull in welcoming Latin American naval leaders to U.S. Vice President Wallace, speaking in Spanish, greeted group on lawn of Capitol Park. In interviews, Latin American visitors expressed desire to cooperate in Hemisphere defense and generally to enlarge naval forces. Visitors were honored during evening at dinner, attended by 250 persons, given by Admiral and Mrs. Harold R. Stark. (N.Y. Herald Tribune and Washington Post).

U.S. TEXTBOOKS TO BE CORRECTED to remove inaccuracies and prejudices concerning Latin America, says Dr. John D. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

SOUTH AMERICA NEEDS STEEL, OIL AND TEXTILES to become independent of foreign suppliers, says writer in economic review of continent. Shortage of steel, he says, affects daily lives of South Americans more than of any other community. Reports Brazil and Chile have best chances to build iron and steel industry, former using large percentage of scrap metal because of shortage of coking coal and latter producing metal from domestic ores by Talbot method, which was devised in England before 1900 but is seldom used today. (N.Y. Times).

CENTRAL BANK OF ARGENTINA REPORT for April 30 shows ratio of gold reserve to notes in circulation increased to 111.54 from 110.16 percent April 15. (N.Y. Times).

BOLIVIAN PILOT KILLED as plane crashes in Washington. Capt. Rafael Suarez Rivas, 30, aide to chief of Bolivian Air Corps, fatally burned in take-off accident at Washington airport. Companion, Capt. Alberto Taborga, 31, aide to President of Bolivia, thrown from plane in crash and injured. Pilots were flying newly-purchased plane from New York City to La Paz, Bolivia, had spent two hours in Washington. Civil Aeronautics Safety Board begins investigation. (Washington Post).

CHILEAN EDUCATOR TO TEACH AT COLUMBIA university in New York. Prof. Mariano Latorre of University of Santiago named to teach Spanish literature. Appointment made possible by gift of \$2,000 from office of Coordinator Nelson Rockefeller. (N.Y. Times).

1,000 CASES OF CHILEAN WINE arrive in New York. Viewed as "Good Neighbor" shipment to acquaint U.S. with South American wine. (N.Y. Times).

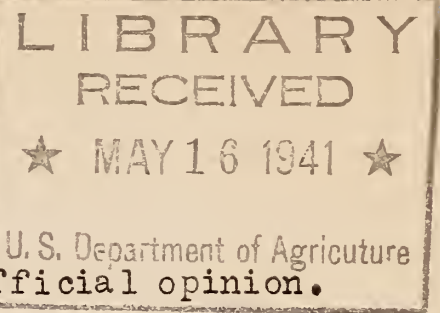
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SEEK TO END ECUADOR-PERU BORDER DISPUTE. U.S. joins Argentina and Brazil in offering friendly services after diplomatic reports of rising tension in disputed area, which is claimed by Ecuador, appears as Ecuador on some maps and as disputed territory on others and is partly cultivated by Peruvians. (N.Y. Times).

VISITING NAVAL OFFICERS VISIT ANNAPOLIS, are entertained at U.S. Naval Academy and review dress parade of midshipmen. Latin American visitors from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Cuba entertained in Washington by Ambassadors of their countries. (Washington Post).

ARGENTINE TRADE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION organized by government to promote sales in United States of Argentine products. New organization, created by decree, capitalized at 1,000,000 pesos (\$250,000). (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

BRAZIL BARS FRENCH AIR LINE, Air France, from resuming Rio de Janeiro-Buenos Aires-Santiago service. Service was suspended when France fell. (N.Y. Times).

COLOMBIA MAY REJECT U.S. LOAN, says newspaper El Siglo, quoting Finance Minister Gonzalo Restrepo as saying \$6,000,000 offered is not enough for Colombia's plans. Colombian officials said they felt entire amount would be used in constructing country's share of Pan American Highway. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

FRENCH IN COSTA RICA WARNED by Vichy Government's Minister that they are subject to death penalty for activities prejudicial to "national unity." Warning seen as alluding to activities in behalf of General de Gaulle. Public indignation aroused by warning. (N.Y. Times).

FORMER CUBAN OFFICIAL DIES. Dr. Octavio Zubizarreta, 68, Secretary of Interior in Machado administration, dies in Havana. After ousting of Machado, Dr. Zubizarreta was condemned to death, held responsible for killings of dreaded La Porra strongarm squad, but was released in 1935 under general amnesty. (N.Y. Times).

GUATEMALA TO TRAIN OFFICERS in modern military technique in new school of applied tactics. (N.Y. Times).

PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR SUGGESTIONS from public on improvement of country and sets up administrative agency to handle ideas. (N.Y. Times).

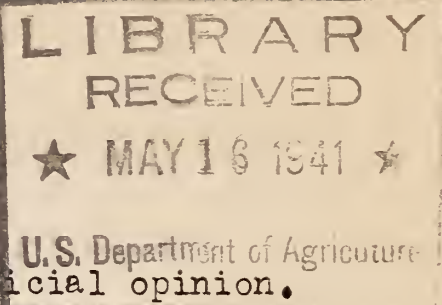
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WELLES PLEDGES AID TO LATIN NAVAL CHIEFS at his reception in honor of U.S. guests. Under Secretary of State said United States "stands prepared to play its full part in the defense of the Western Hemisphere." Replying for visitors, Vice Admiral José Guisasola, chief of Naval General Staff of Argentina, said that "history, the directives of the right and international justice and a close inter-linking of interests make us kin." (Washington Post).

BERLIN BUSINESS INSTITUTE SURVEYS LATIN AMERICA, devotes its weekly bulletin to analysis of effects of war on Latin American trade. Institute draws conclusion that neither Britain nor U.S. can replace continental Europe as market for and supplier to Latin America. (N.Y. Times).

U.S. STUDENTS FLOCK TO SOUTH AMERICA, Grace Line announcing unprecedented response to this year's educational cruises. Four hundred students will leave New York in next few weeks to take courses in Chile and Peru. (N.Y. Times).

SEES TEXTILE TRADE FOR SOUTH AMERICA if production can be built up beyond purely domestic needs. H. H. Schell, president of Shelton Looms, Inc., returning after visit to Latin American textile plants, says production is confined mainly to cotton piece goods of inexpensive varieties, with United States furnishing about 65 percent of equipment. (N.Y. Times).

BRAZILIAN ELECTED BY STATISTICIANS. Inter-American Statistical Institute elects M. A. Teixeira de Freitas of Brazil president by mail ballot. Preliminary organization was formed last May during sessions of Eighth American Scientific Congress. It seeks to stimulate improved methods of preparing official and unofficial statistics. (Washington Post).

CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR AMERICAS announced by International Business Machines Corporation, which will sponsor painting and poetry awards for Latin American artists. (N.Y. Times).

LATIN TRADE SPURS FAVORED by Edward H. Robbins, special assistant to Coordinator Rockefeller, who is making study of Latin American trade developments. Mr. Robbins will recommend that Latin American countries be given priority for basic materials after U.S. needs are filled and that German-affiliated agencies of U.S. concerns be cancelled. (N.Y. Times).

TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND ARGENTINA seen as imminent by Argentine newspapers. American Embassy refuses comment and, with Argentina officials, appears to regard stories as premature. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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ARGENTINA TO TAKE OVER IDLE SHIPS in her ports as nucleus of a mercantile marine, says Marine Minister Rear Admiral Mario Fincatti, although he did not indicate how ships would be acquired. Previous statements have indicated Argentina favors taking possession of ships through negotiations with owners. (N.Y. Times).

CHILE REQUISITIONS TWO DANISH SHIPS, bringing to five total of Danish vessels it has requisitioned for coastal service. (N.Y. Times).

COLOMBIA WILL ISSUE NEW BONDS totaling \$50,000,000 for conversion of former issue. Colombian leaders see step toward restoration of national credit and praise co-operation of U.S. Treasury, Reconstruction Finance Corp. and North American private banking institutions. (N.Y. Times).

COSTA RICA DEPORTS NETHERLANDER, Humbert Adrians, arrested recently for alleged Nazi propaganda. (N.Y. Times).

LIBERAL PARTY LEADS IN ECUADOR RETURNS from first day of two-day Congressional elections. Voting light and few returns reported. (N.Y. Times).

ECUADOR GETS TWO U.S. COAST GUARD SHIPS to strengthen its Navy. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

MEXICAN BANKS TO HELP GOVERNMENT hold foreign exchange steady and make secure nation's supply of imported raw materials. Bankers expected to extend credit to manufacturers seeking to accumulate two-year supply of raw materials. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

NICARAGUAN BILL TO BAR PROPAGANDA introduced in Congress. It would prohibit all subversive action or propaganda in whatever form against principles of democracy. Nazi Gestapo agent deported from Nicaragua for distributing propaganda literature. (N.Y. Times).

CONTRACT LET FOR NEW PANAMA CANAL LOCKS to Panama Constructors, Inc., a combination of several large U.S. firms, for \$22,436,086. Work will consist of excavation for third set of locks at Pacific end of Canal. (N.Y. Times).

THORNTON WILDER GOES TO PERU, scene of his book, "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," to work on closer Pan American cultural relations. (N.Y. Times).

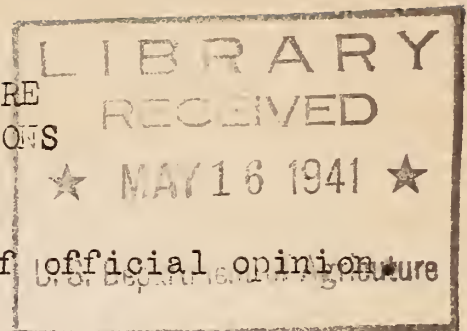
PERU SEEN COMMITTED TO ANTI-AXIS GROUP after outlawing Transocean, official German news and propaganda agency, and cancelling Lufthansa airline contract. Recent address by President Manuel Prado, attacking totalitarian powers, strengthens view of U.S. and British observers. (By Walter Kerr in N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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EXPORTERS SHOULD CHECK SOUTH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES to avoid being left without representation "if and when a blacklist is put into effect," Charles C. Concannon of Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce says in address at convention of exporters of medicinal products. Says representatives should be cleared either with Bureau or through Rockefeller office. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

LA GUARDIA GREETES NAVAL CHIEFS from Latin America on visit to New York, says smallest nation in Western Hemisphere has all rights and is entitled to same respect as largest nation. During day, group visited Philadelphia Navy Yard and Lakehurst Naval Air Station. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

NEGOTIATIONS REOPENED FOR TRADE AGREEMENTS with Argentina and Uruguay, as Washington prepares to welcome Enrique Ruiz-Guinazu, Argentine Foreign Minister, arriving for visit. Public hearings on trade agreements will begin June 23, State Department announces. (Washington Post).

ACTOR ARRIVES IN BUENOS AIRES on good will mission. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., receives warm welcome, marred only by attack by Pampero, chief Nazi propaganda sheet in Argentina, which termed visitor "ambassador and spy extraordinary of President Roosevelt." (N.Y. Times).

TIN FOR BRITAIN PLENTIFUL, reports Antenor Patiño, Bolivian Minister to London, arriving in New York aboard Dixie Clipper. Señor Patiño says tin mines of Bolivia, Malaya and Netherlands East Indies are operating at 130 percent of normal production and "every shipment from our country has arrived safely in England." (N.Y. Times).

BRAZIL COFFEE EXPORTS INCREASE in first quarter of 1941 over same period in 1940. Increase of almost 500,000 bags reported, with greater exports to North, Central and South American markets offsetting losses in other markets. (N.Y. Times).

FIVE NORWEGIAN SHIPS SAIL FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, reportedly on mine-sweeping mission for British Admiralty. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

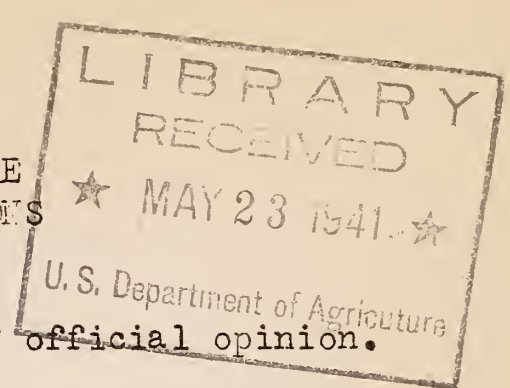
BRAZILIAN BLACK MAGIC ON WAY OUT after more than 100 priests of "Macumba" are arrested and 32 places where rites were practiced are closed. Leaders accused of causing mental ills and taking money under false pretenses. "Macumba" followers in Brazil estimated at 100,000--chiefly Negroes and mulattoes. (N.Y. Times).

ARCHBISHOP URGES ECUADOR'S CATHOLICS TO PRAY for settlement of boundary dispute with Peru, which governments of Argentina, Brazil and United States have offered to mediate. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).





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PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY SEEN NEARER REALITY as result of President's request to Congress for funds to finance two-thirds of construction cost through Central America. Writer says that completion in less than 50 years would not be possible without U.S. financing, because Central American countries could not spare money. Sees strategic value in road to Panama Canal, over which supplies can be transported without fear of sea action. (By Franklin Kluckhohn in N.Y. Times).

YALE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS to four students for "good will" travel in Central and South America. (N.Y. Times).

AS EUROPE GOES, SO GOES LATIN AMERICA, writes Glen Levin Swiggett, pointing out that recurring press statements seem to challenge results of U.S. effort toward hemispheric unity of action. Sees reason in U.S. emphasis on commercial aspects of cooperation, explaining that Latin American people are fundamentally indifferent to material advantages of purely commercial civilization, lacking spiritual ends. Says undercurrent of Spanish culture continues to come from Spain, almost untouched by United States influences. (Washington Post).

LATIN NAVAL CHIEFS TOLD OF NEW PLANE ENGINE RECORD in visit to Wright Aeronautical Corp. works at Paterson, N.J. Factory's output of Cyclone and Whirlwind aircraft engines set new record in April, visitors informed. (N.Y. Times).

PRESIDENT'S TALK TO PAN AMERICAN UNION POSTPONED indefinitely from May 14, because of President's recent indisposition. (Washington Post).

ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON, is welcomed by officials headed by Secretary Hull. Dr. Enrique Ruiz-Guinazu is first Argentine cabinet member to pay official visit to Washington. He and Señora de Ruiz-Guinazu honored Tuesday night at first of series of official dinners which will mark their visit. (Washington Post).

MEMBER OF ARGENTINE CONGRESS CRITICISES WAR POLICY of Argentine Government at national convention of Radical party, which dominates Chamber of Deputies. Deputy Raúl Damonte Taborda accuses government of undue leniency toward totalitarians, says interned sailors of battleship Graf Spee have been allowed to become medium of German infiltration into Argentina. (N.Y. Times).

CUBAN PESO RISES TO NEW HIGH for recent years, benefiting from improved sugar prices and Export-Import Bank loan which U.S. is making to Cuba. Uruguayan peso also reaches new high for year. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ECUADOR AND PERU ACCEPT MEDIATION by Argentina, Brazil and U.S. in effort to settle border dispute. Ecuador accepts mediation offer without condition. Peru cables it is "disposed to settle our boundary dispute but not to admit a controversy concerning the nationality of provinces (Tubes, Jaen and Mainas) which have been part of Peru for 120 years and in which are large Peruvian populations which have expressed their energetic protest against separatist claims of Ecuador. (N.Y. Times).

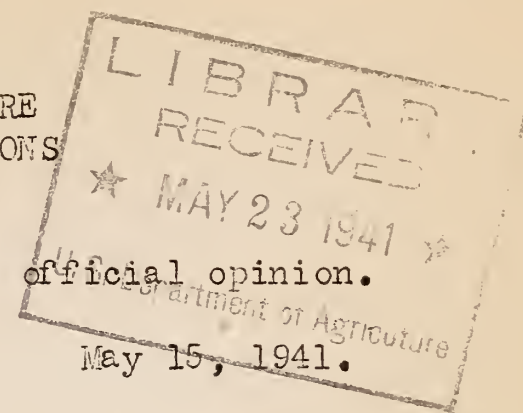
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LATIN NAVAL LEADERS SEE U.S. NAVY YARD in Brooklyn as part of New York visit. After viewing progress of work, Vice Admiral José Machado de Castro e Silva of Brazil said for visitors: "We realize that this work is being done not only for the benefit of this country, but also for all democracies." Group had lunch in officers' mess of new battleship North Carolina. They left Thursday for the west. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

JAPAN SEEKS SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE, starting drive for world markets coincident with Great Britain's rejection of Japanese protests against restrictions on trade between British colonies and Japan. Tokio trade reports said "floating sample fair" would sail May 21 for South America, containing exhibits by 200 manufacturers of machine tools, electrical equipment and cameras. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ARGENTINE RADICAL PARTY AFFIRMS NEUTRALITY in resolution at party convention in Buenos Aires. Resolution also rejects totalitarian ideologies, expresses sympathy for nations fighting for democracy and stresses "urgent necessity for a policy of inter-American understanding. Radical party controls Argentine Chamber of Deputies. Alberto Delrio, delegate for Buenos Aires, said he wished to see Argentina "as head of Latin American nations instead of as tail of Yankee lion." (N.Y. Times).

ARMY TO FLY SERUM TO BRAZIL by bomber for use in areas where Gualba River flood has made 50,000 persons homeless. Plane, carrying \$5,000 worth of typhoid, diphtheria and dysentery serum, to take off from Washington Thursday for Rio de Janeiro. (Washington Post).

GUATEMALA FORBIDS EXPORTS to non-American countries without special permission of goods partly or completely manufactured in Guatemala. Law also forbids re-export of any kind of imported goods to non-American countries. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

JAPANESE TO INCREASE PURCHASES IN PERU, taking as much as half of the country's 1941 cotton crop, of which it took one-third in 1940. Paradox seen in fact that U.S. and Japan jointly are aiding Peru economically--former by loans and purchases of copper and sugar; latter by buying cotton and strategic minerals. Questions raised by Peruvian officials cited as: What will happen after the war? Will Japan be able to continue paying for supplies in dollars, rather than yen? Is Japan passing part of purchases on to Germany? (By Harold Callender in N.Y. Times).

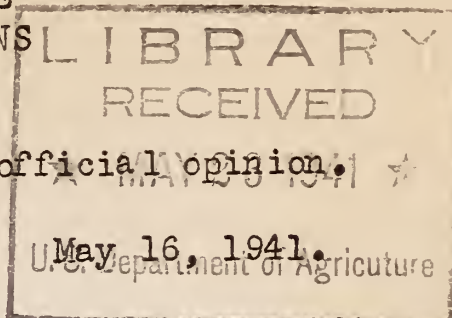
NO EXTRA TAX ON PUERTO RICAN RUM, Governor Swope announcing he will not sign bill imposing additional tax of 70 cents per case on rum for export to U.S. to provide funds for aid of declining coffee industry. (N.Y. Times).

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U.S. SHEEP EXPERT GOES TO PERU as first step in four-month series of scientific experiment designed to improve quality and quantity of Peruvian wool. Trip sponsored by Institute for Andean Biology at Lima and National Commission for Sheep and Wool Industry of Peru. Chief problem to be overcome is adverse effect of altitude in Andes Mountains on reproduction of sheep. (Christian Science Monitor).

EXPERT ON LATIN AMERICAN TRAFFIC DIES. Daulton Mann, 48, executive vice president and director of Grace Line, dies in Boston. He was first steamship executive to use color photography in advertising to encourage larger tourist travel to Latin America. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

AIR TRAVEL TO LATIN AMERICA INCREASES over 1940, reports Juan T. Trippe, president of Pan American Airways, at stockholders' meeting. Company on July 1 will increase Latin American service and provide daily flights to South American capitals with two-day service from Miami to Rio de Janeiro. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ENTERTAINS FOR ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER Enrique Ruiz-Guinazu at men's luncheon. (Washington Post).

ARGENTINA TO CURB FOES OF DEMOCRACY, Minister of Interior Miguel Culaciatti announces. Says government intends to exercise strict control over persons, groups or associations that carry on their activities without due authorization. (N.Y. Times).

ARGENTINE EXPORTS DOWN in value in April from March this year and April, 1940, Argentine Information Bureau reports. Despite decline in values, quantity of last month's exports was 20,000 tons greater than March shipments. (N.Y. Times).

BOLIVIA EXPROPRIATES GERMAN AIRLINE through decree acquiring stock of Lloyd Aereo Boliviano as "public necessity." Decree provides indemnity for stockholders whose interests are seized. (N.Y. Times).

COSTA RICA TO FREE SEAMEN from seized Italian and German ships, permitting them to leave country aboard Japanese steamer. Report U.S. Government was consulted before Costa Rica agreed to release prisoners. (N.Y. Times).

NEW HAITIAN PRESIDENT INAUGURATED in ceremony in brilliantly-decorated Port-au-Prince. Elie Lescot, former Haitian Minister to U.S., begins five-year term, succeeding Stenio Vincent. (N.Y. Times).

EXPULSED NAZI EN ROUTE TO U.S. Karl Bayer, accused of being Nazi leader in Costa Rica, sails from Balboa, will go from U.S. to Kobe, Japan. (N.Y. Times).

TUGWELL HEADS COMMISSION FOR PUERTO RICAN STUDY of land use and other economic problems. Rexford G. Tugwell, special adviser to Secretary of Interior Ickes, and three other officials sail for San Juan for public hearings opening May 26. (N.Y. Times).

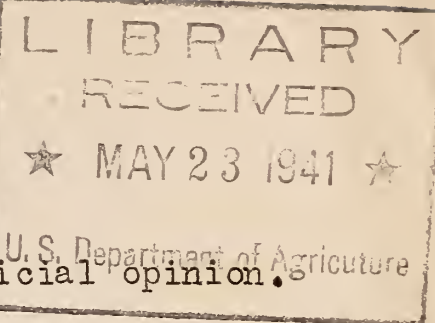
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FOREIGN BROADCASTS PUT ON 24-HOUR BASIS by N.B.C. at request of State Department. Broadcasts by major chains Friday were in seven foreign languages and English. Under new schedule NBC will broadcast 16 hours to Europe and eight hours to South America, reducing its broadcast period to the latter by two hours. CBS will continue its regular 10 hours to Europe and 6-1/2 hours to South America. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

1,000 ATTEND PAN AMERICAN FIESTA sponsored by Woman's National Democratic Club. Mrs. Roosevelt heads guest list, and all Latin American republics are represented. Prize of \$100 scholarship to be applied to expenses of Latin American student in this country awarded to Panama. Walter Pidgeon, movie actor, serves as master of Ceremonies. (Washington Post).

ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER ENTERTAINED at reception by Argentine Ambassador and Señora de Espil. (Washington Post).

BOLIVIAN FLIER BURIED in La Paz in impressive ceremony attended by President of Bolivia and other high officials. Captain Rafael Suárez Rivas was killed in plane accident in Washington. U.S. Army fliers in uniform marched behind hearse. (N.Y. Times).

AXIS POWERS BUYING MICA IN BRAZIL, shipping it out by plane and ship. Would-be American buyers, report says, unable to meet fantastically high prices offered by Japanese buyers, even though they know mica is going into German, Italian and Japanese military equipment. (N.Y. Times).

BRAZIL PLANS PLASTICS FROM SURPLUS COFFEE, reports current issue of Business Week. Production to begin in May in preliminary plant, with hope that Brazil's entire coffee over-production of 4,000,000 bags a year will be used. Coffee plastic, called "Cafelite," termed adaptable to flooring, wallboard, roofing and many molded products. Useful by-products include coffee oil, caffeine, furfural and alpha cellulose. (Christian Science Monitor).

PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR YIELDS EXTRAORDINARY POWERS granted him by Congress Jan. 13. President Carlos Arroyo del Río says secret subversive movements still exist. Political unrest seen as reason for yielding powers. (N.Y. Times).

REFUGEE CHILDREN WELCOME IN NICARAGUA, Foreign Minister informs Association for Refugee Children in Chicago. (N.Y. Times).

CENTRAL AMERICAN CURB ON NAZI AGENTS discussed in Nicaragua after Managua police chief reports efforts to deport two of them failed because no country would accept them. Concerted action seen as needed. (N.Y. Times).

VENEZUELA NAMES NEW YORK CONSUL-GENERAL, Dr. Francisco J. Parra, Minister of Finance in cabinet of former President Lopez Contreras. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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SEIZURE OF FRENCH ISLANDS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE suggested by four Democratic members of Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Group agrees that any step regarding French Guiana, on mainland of South America, should be topic of discussion among all American republics. (N.Y. Times).

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTINA FORECAST by end of August, with Uruguayan agreement to follow, New York foreign trade circles report. (N.Y. Times).

ARGENTINA ALLOCATES FUNDS FOR U.S. PURCHASES of automobiles, farm machinery and spare parts amounting to \$11,700,000 for rest of 1941, making year's total imports from U.S. \$14,666,000. Finance Ministry announces further measures would be taken soon to "reduce even more the present restrictions to trade." (N.Y. Times).

ARGENTINA CURBS SHIP TRANSFERS by decreeing that sale or charter must henceforth receive government approval. Seen as effort to assure country's neutrality and build up merchant marine. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

FIRE DAMAGES ARGENTINE NAVAL ARSENAL at Rio Santiago, considered one of the most important in country, destroying electric workshop and four other buildings. (N.Y. Times).

BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT PLEDGES DEFENSE COOPERATION with other South American countries and expresses hope of return to normal relations with U.S. In interview, General Enrique Peñaranda denies that expropriation of Standard Oil properties meant Bolivia is hostile to foreign capital and promises guarantees for security of future American investments; says his government plans to meet service on foreign debt. (Harold Callender in N.Y. Times).

BOLIVIA ACCEPTS U.S. TUNGSTEN PROPOSAL, ending negotiation with Japan for sale of ore. Plan of U.S. Metal Reserve Co. calls for purchase of Bolivia's output for five years, three compulsory and two optional. (N.Y. Times).

COFFEE AND COTTON WORRYING BRAZIL, with export markets reduced by war and with larger cotton crop than last year's in prospect. Cotton growers from five states meet with Finance Minister Souza Costa, agree on cooperation with other cotton-growing countries and suggest that government finance new crop on more liberal scale. (N.Y. Times).

CHILE STIRRED BY DEATH OF OFFICIAL, delegate to Radical Party convention, at hands of Arturo Hoffman, 17-year-old member of Popular Socialist Vanguard, which is Chilean Nazi movement. Report bill to outlaw Vanguard will be submitted in Congress. Thirty Nazis arrested after attack on Radical headquarters. (N.Y. Times).

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BRITISH CHASING NAZI FREIGHTER OFF CHILEAN COAST. Armed British freighter reported pursuing at least one of five German ships which sailed from scattered Chilean ports in attempt to run blockade. German ships had been in Chile since war began. Departure clears Chilean waters of all Nazi freighters. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

ARGENTINE OFFICIAL IN COLOMBIA for unveiling of statue of General José de San Martín, Argentina's national hero. Dr. Enrique Ruiz-Guinazu, Argentine Foreign Minister, met at Bogota airport by officials of Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. (N.Y. Times).

COSTA RICA PLANS TO DEPORT AXIS CREWS, placing German and Italian seamen aboard Japanese ship. Presence in country, even as prisoners, regarded as dangerous. (N.Y. Times).

COSTA RICAN CONGRESS APPROVES BOUNDARY TREATY with Panama, ending long-standing territorial disagreement. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

JAPANESE MINISTER TO CENTRAL AMERICA arrives in Guatemala. New envoy will live in Mexico City, be accredited to all Central American countries. (N.Y. Times).

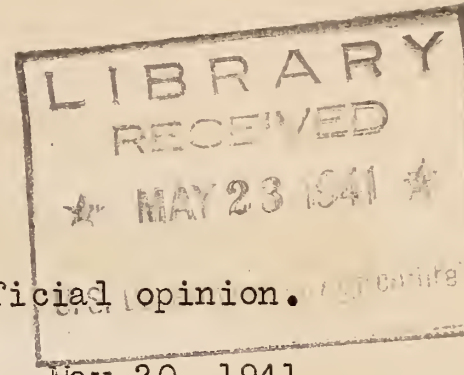
NEW NICARAGUAN PHYSICIANS required to spend a period in sections of country where there are no doctors before practicing in cities. Government believes that since all physicians are educated more or less at expense of state, they should assist in bettering civilian population. (N.Y. Times).

PERUVIAN NEWSPAPER CRITICIZES HULL for explanation of motives behind U.S. offer to help mediate Peruvian-Ecuadorian boundary dispute. Comercio sees "inopportune coincidence" that "Should have been avoided" in U.S. delivery of warships to Ecuador. (N.Y. Times).

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U.S. EXPORTERS DISMISSING PRO-NAZI AGENTS in Latin America, Coordinator Nelson Rockefeller tells 1,000 business leaders at New York luncheon opening Foreign Trade Week. Hundreds dismissed and "commercial housecleaning is still in progress," Rockefeller says. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

GRANTS TO AIRLINES to strengthen U.S. influence in Latin America reported planned. Report says defense leaders and Coordinator Rockefeller's office plan corporation that will subsidize operators of air routes to enable them to replace lines being run by Axis powers. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

12 LATIN COUNTRIES GET FINANCIAL PRIVILEGES. Countries admitted as group to special sterling account privileges in London are Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Venezuela. Whole area to be known as Central America and treated as one country in opening sterling accounts with banks in United Kingdom. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

UNIFIED ACTION ON FOREIGN SHIPS to be discussed Thursday by Inter-American Financial and Advisory Committee. Estimate 200 ships idle in Western Hemisphere ports because of war. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

8,000 SPANISH FALANGISTAS IN AMERICA AID GERMANY, reports Marquis de Aguiar, registering with State Department as agent of monarchist and Catholic groups in Spain. Marquis says Germany, under pact signed with General Franco Oct. 8, 1938, is now represented in every Spanish Consulate and legation in the Americas for purpose of combating Pan Americanism. (N.Y. Times).

ROOSEVELTS TO ENTERTAIN LATIN ENVOYS at reception May 28. President will make speech originally scheduled for May 14. (Washington Post).

LATIN AMERICAN FIESTA to be staged by Washington Community Chest agencies Friday afternoon at Charles Carroll Glover grounds. (Washington Post).

GERMAN SUCCESSES STAY BOLIVIA, says correspondent after interview with General David Toro, former Bolivian President, and other leaders. General Toro quoted as viewing German victory as inevitable and favoring greater U.S. credits to Latin America, rather than large expenditures to aid Britain. Reports German colony well organized while German firms continue to represent U.S. companies in spite of State Department efforts, making Bolivians wonder if Americans are as eager to advance interests of their country as Germans are. Six of daily newspapers in La Paz more or less consistently pro-Nazi. (By Harold Callender in N.Y. Times).

BRAZILIAN BOY ARRIVES in New York on good will trip. Roberto Paulo Cezar de Andrada, 14, here from Rio de Janeiro as representative Brazilian boy on trip sponsored by Brazilian Committee of Inter-American Relations and newspaper O Journal. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

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COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT PLANS TRIP to other Central American countries. President Calderón Guardia asks Congress for permission to make visits, presumably in interest of Pan American amity. (N.Y. Times).

CUBANS HONOR INDEPENDENCE LEADER, José Martí, on forty-sixth anniversary of his death. Thousands of pupils march to Havana's Central Park, and President Fulgencio Batista speaks. (N.Y. Times).

NAZIS CONTROL AUTO SALES in Dominican Republic, delivering light car for \$350, in competition with lowest U.S. price of \$650. German machine reported made up largely of parts manufactured in U.S., sent to Germany for assembly and then shipped back to Latin America. Report Americans protesting sales of parts to German firms unable to obtain explanation from U.S. manufacturers or Department of Commerce. High shipping rates from U.S. also called factor in difficulty of meeting German price. U.S. cars being sold now with German shipments suspended because of war. (N.Y. Times).

NICARAGUA RECEIVES GERMAN ARTICLES despite blockade. Some radios and sewing machines from Germany imported, although 90 percent of radios and 95 percent of sewing machines come from United States. In recent months, radios from Netherlands possessions have been arriving and outselling U.S. models. (N.Y. Times).

URUGUAYAN EDITORS ESCAPE UNHURT from pistol shots fired at them in Montevideo street. Co-editors of anti-Nazi newspaper had recently received letters threatening death if they did not abandon anti-Nazi writing. (N.Y. Times).

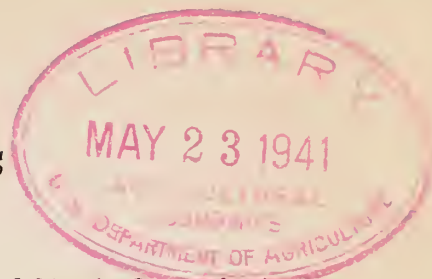
URUGUAYAN MILITARY MISSION arrives to study and purchase U.S. armaments. Group of 11 will serve as attachés to newly created Uruguayan Embassy, formerly a legation without military officers. (N.Y. Times).

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WORK OF BOLIVIAN SCULPTRESS to be exhibited at Pan American Union. Minister of Bolivia and Señora Guachalla sponsor display of work of Marina Nunez del Prado. (Washington Star).

BRAZIL BARS REOPENING FROM DAKAR, British economic warfare authorities report from London, Report says Argentina and Chile have given permission for reopening of French line on Recife-Rio de Janeiro-Buenos Aires-Santiago route, but Brazil has deferred decision on Dakar-Brazil line until France's position is clarified. British say reopening of line would represent serious leak in blockade. (Washington Star).

CHILE ARRESTS 32 NAZIS, members of Popular Socialist Vanguard, on charges of plotting coup d'etat against government. Arrests followed wounding of Chilean deputy Friday night when Nazis sought to break up convention of Radical Party. Police allege Vanguard planned action like that of Sept. 5, 1938, when Jorge González von Marée, present Vanguardist leader, led putsch against government. At that time, 65 Nazis were executed. (N.Y. Times).

CUBA OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE, attained 39 years ago. Cuban Ambassador to U.S., Dr. Aurelio F. Conchosa, speaking on short wave broadcast to Cuba, says Western Hemisphere is only safe haven, not only for liberty but also for right of independence of nations, small or large. In Washington, the Ambassador and Señora Conchosa entertained several hundred guests at reception at Embassy. (N.Y. Times and Washington Post).

INCREASED CUBAN CIGAR SALES expected as result of greater prosperity in United States, says Oscar A. Hernández, Cuban Government representative in this country to aid tobacco industry. Says loss of European markets has hit Cuban tobacco industry, throwing cigar makers out of work and forcing reduction in tobacco acreage. U.S. market seen as offering "glimmer of hope." (N.Y. Times).

PUERTO RICO PLANS FOOD RESERVE as safeguard against extension of war that might cut off supplies from continental U.S. Gov. Guy J. Swope to come to U.S. to make proposal for food reserve and development of subsistence farms. (N.Y. Times).

BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT DESIRE TO COOPERATE IN PAN AMERICAN DEFENSE seen in recent moves to end sale of tungsten to Germany through Japan and eliminate German-operated airline Bolivian Lloyd. President Enrique Peñaranda de Castillo and other civil leaders said to recognize that country's future depends on cooperation with U.S. in establishing air bases for defense and obtaining financial assistance in opening up and unifying Bolivia, which is regarded as vulnerable to separatism. Military leaders, whose influence is great, do not believe in this course. (By Harold Callender in N.Y. Times).

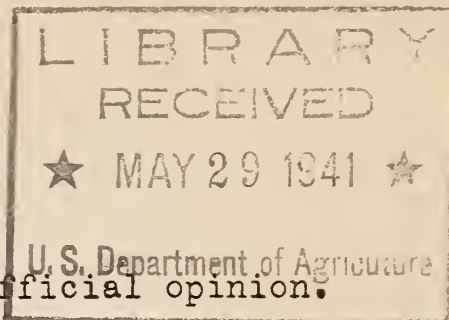
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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

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May 22, 1941.

LATIN AIRLINES OF AXIS CALLED TROJAN HORSE which is "dangerous to our national life" by Oswald Ryan of Civil Aeronautics Board in nation-wide broadcast. Ryan says German-Italian inter-American air network is not commercial but a "well-considered instrumentality of national policy which is bent upon the cultural and political domination of the South American Continent." (Washington Post)

ARGENTINA TO OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE DAY May 22 with giant Council of Leaders -- like that which on May 22, 1810, first openly suggested independence from Spain. Celebration to be climaxed Sunday with traditional high mass at Cathedral in Buenos Aires, speeches, parades. Newspaper report says Accion Argentina, pro-democratic organization, will present Council of Leaders with resolution asking severance of diplomatic relations with Germany. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

ARGENTINA CLOSES GERMAN BOOKSTORE in Buenos Aires when proprietor refuses to change window display showing pictures of Hitler and Mussolini flanking that of General San Martin, Argentine hero. Passersby had smashed window. (N. Y. Times)

U. S. TO BUY BOLIVIA'S TUNGSTEN output for next three years under contract signed by Metals Reserve Co. with Bolivian government. Yearly purchases estimated at \$8,000,000. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

NEW BRAZILIAN NAVAL BASE at Natal to be started soon. Natal is first landing point in Brazil for all European airlines and is only six hours flying time from Dakar. (N. Y. Times)

TWO ITALIAN SHIPS TO DARE BLOCKADE, freighters loading cargos of crude rubber at Recife, Brazil. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

GERMAN SHIP SOLD TO CHILE FOR COAL, to fuel five other vessels which sailed from Santiago Saturday night in attempt to run blockade. Training ship Priwall will be used in Chilean Navy. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

COSTA RICA SELLS TWO AXIS SHIPS, scuttled in Puntarenas harbor, to American firm for \$25,000 plus value of any salvageable merchandise and 25 percent of amount eventually obtained for refloated ships. (N. Y. Times)

PROPAGANDA MAILED FROM MARTINIQUE to Caribbean area and Latin America, says story from Panama. Weekly bulletin of 30 pages mailed without charge from Fort-de-France. (N. Y. Times)

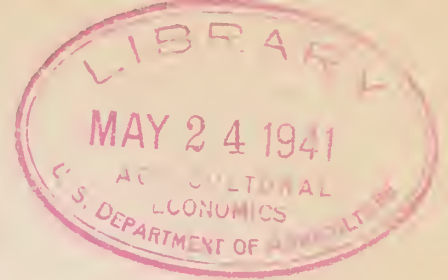
U. S. VICE CONSUL IN NICARAGUA, H. Bartlett Wells, leaves by plane for new position in Iceland. (N. Y. Times)

BRITISH LINER IN URUGUAY after voyage from England in which liner Palma eluded two German submarine attacks. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)





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BRAZIL HONORS CREW OF U.S. MERCY SHIP with honorary membership in Brazilian Red Cross at ceremony at American Embassy in Rio de Janeiro. They are members of crew of plane which recently flew Red Cross supplies to Porto Alegre flood victims. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE each week, first ever held by a President of Colombia. Newspapers praise decision of President Eduardo López. (N.Y. Times).

COSTA RICA DEPORTS ITALIAN AND GERMAN SEAMEN, jailed after they sank ships in Puntarenas harbor. Prisoners, described as defiant, were expected to be held at Canal Zone pending departure on Japanese ship for Italy and Germany. (N.Y. Times).

CUBA-U.S. ALLIANCE URGED in motion introduced in Cuban House of Representatives. Motion asks military alliance and suggests that Cuba propose a third conference of Foreign Ministers of the American nations. (N.Y. Times).

GUATEMALA CANCELS STUDENT DEBTS to National University, amounting to \$78,665. Action enables many students to remain in school. (N.Y. Times).

ALIEN ROUNDUP IN MEXICO ordered by Ministry of Interior. All foreigners without proper credentials sought. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

PERU-ECUADOR WAR SOUGHT by Axis powers, says Dr. Alejandro Ceballos, President of Acción Argentina, at Buenos Aires meeting, part of celebration of Argentine independence anniversary. Speaker says Argentina, Brazil and United States offered intervention just in time to foil totalitarian plot to create war out of Ecuador-Peru border dispute. "These retrograde forces," he said, "have not yet been effectively checked by a majority of the South American governments, some of which are dominated by the fifth column." Ríos, pleads for greater spirit of continental solidarity. (By Arnaldo Cortesi in N.Y. Times).

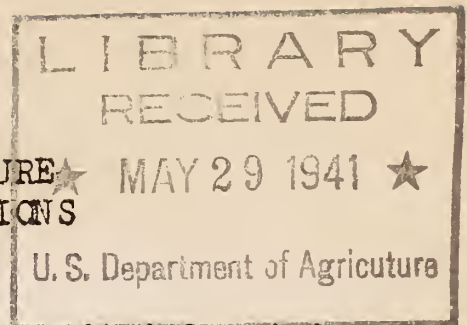
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May 24, 1941.

WASHINGTON PAN AMERICAN FIESTA successful despite sudden thunderstorm. Mrs. Roosevelt among guests at event sponsored by Washington Community Chest. Program cut short and many exhibits spoiled by rain after 1,000 guests gather. (Washington Post).

NEW BRAZILIAN POLICE BUREAU, separate from Immigration Department, asks deportation of 129 aliens who have overstayed temporary visas. Since most of them are refugees, the question is where to send them. (N.Y. Times).

BRITISH WARSHIP IN BRAZIL. Auxiliary cruiser Asturias puts into Rio de Janeiro for stores and fuel. Captain says ship has been in combat, refuses to say whether or not German freighter Lech, unofficially reported sunk on May 3, has been encountered. (N.Y. Times).

GERMAN SCHOOL ASKS TAX RELIEF in Colombia on grounds it is public educational institution, not operated for gain. School, in Bogotá, charges tuition and is chartered "to aid children of German parents to produce an education based on German spirit and principles." (N.Y. Times).

FORMER KING CAROL TO ARRIVE IN CUBA May 31 with Mme. Elena Lupescu May 31, Cuban Ministry of State announces. No definite arrangements made for Carol's residence. (N.Y. Times).

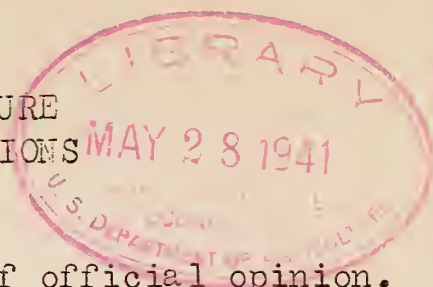
GERMANS, ITALIANS BARRED FROM JOBS IN HONDURAS, as government and people show increased opposition to totalitarian powers. Government recently requested removal of Christian Zinnser, German chargé d'affaires, because of his insolence to officials. (N.Y. Times).

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA, Edwin C. Wilson, presents credentials to President Arnulfo Arias at ceremony at Presidential Palace. Panama government announces Foreign Minister Raúl Deroux will fly to Washington Tuesday to confer with State Department "on matter of interest to the United States and Panama." (N.Y. Times).

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May 26, 1941.

MEASURES AGAINST FIFTH COLUMN asked by Acción Argentina, Argentine democratic organization. Group asks barring of government facilities to foreign propaganda groups, closing of anti-democratic schools and clubs, action to prevent diplomatic representatives from disseminating propaganda and curb against government employes of totalitarian sympathies. (N.Y. Times).

ARGENTINE, ITALIAN DEAL ON SHIPS NEAR. Buenos Aires reports say Argentina will buy 16 Italian ships which are idle in Argentine ports, trading wheat and other commodities for delivery after war ends. (N.Y. Times).

ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER SAILS for home after U.S. visit, says he believes ties between two countries have been strengthened. Dr. Enrique de Ruiz Guinazu to visit Brazil and Uruguay en route home. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CHILE PROTESTS TO DENMARK against failure to permit sailing of transport ship Angamos, recently built for Chile in Danish shipyard. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

CHILEAN NAZI LEADER FREED from insane asylum, where he was lodged in Santiago after exchanging shots with police who sought to arrest him at his home under law providing for action against ailing persons endangering public peace. Court of Appeals directs release of Jorge González von Marée but orders that medical examination continue at his home. (N.Y. Times).

CUBAN MILITARY CONSCRIPTION APPROVED by Committee on Military Affairs of Cuban House of Representatives. Report Cubans between 20 and 35, who have no dependents, will be drafted for one year. Propose financing program by spending 10 percent of annual Cuban budget for armed forces and increasing foreigners' registration fees to five times present amount. (N.Y. Times).

HAITI MAY SUPPLY RUBBER TO U.S., says National Geographic Society in bulletin. Planned development contemplated would add another to 10 Latin American Republics already supplying rubber to this country. (N.Y. Times).

HAITI HAS NEVER HAD CENSUS, Dr. Forrest E. Linder, technical expert of Bureau of Census, tells population Association of America. Says taking census would be extremely difficult because of mountainous terrain and because building of houses far from roads became customary during early Haitian wars. (N.Y. Times).

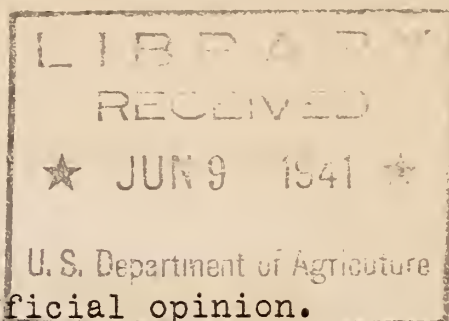
PERU DECLINES ARBITRATION OF BORDER DISPUTE with Ecuador in notes to Argentina, Brazil and U.S., which had offered mediation. Peru Foreign Office says conversations "would be characteristic of mediation, which Peru has not accepted." Government says, however, that it is willing to subscribe to juridical instrument guaranteeing peace pending opportunity to settle dispute. (N.Y. Times).





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May 27, 1941.

SENATE VOTES INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY FUNDS, authorizing \$20,000,000 appropriation to build road to Panama Canal. Bill goes to House. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

AMERICA FIRST LEADER QUOTED ON SOUTH AMERICA. PM, in interview with General Robert E. Wood, national chairman of America First Committee, quotes him as saying U. S. need not defend South America "south of the bulge of Brazil" in case "any European power tried to establish political sovereignty in this hemisphere." General Wood said this was "not a settled opinion" and he was "not speaking for the committee." (Kenneth Crawford in PM)

NAZIS SEEK TO UNDERMINE U. S. PRESTIGE IN LATIN AMERICA, Richard Krebs (Jan Valtin) tells Dies subcommittee at hearing. Krebs testifies that German government has long believed "that the best method by which the U. S. could be crippled . . . was through complete encirclement and penetration of South America by Nazi agents, Nazi trade influence and Nazi political leaders." (N. Y. Times)

BOOK CONTEST FOR LATIN AMERICANS planned by Division of Intellectual Cooperation of Pan American Union. Best unpublished novel, essay and work for juvenile readers written in Latin America will receive prizes. (Washington Post)

PUPILS TO STUDY LATIN AMERICA throughout New York City school system, studies covering all fields of Latin American culture. Committee appointed to interest 1,000,000 pupils and 40,000 teachers in project. City already has 75 Pan American clubs, with 2,000 members, in schools. (N. Y. Times)

ROOSEVELT GREET'S ARGENTINA in message to Acting President Castillo on 131st anniversary of Argentine independence. (N. Y. Times)

NAZIS BANNED FROM ARGENTINE CELEBRATION of Independence Day. Youth Alliance, pro-totalitarian group, forbidden to demonstrate, but anti-Nazi Accion Argentina permitted to march. (PM)

ARGENTINA AWAITS ROOSEVELT ADDRESS, as Acting President Castillo prepares statement on Argentine foreign policy for delivery in Congress. Castillo expected to reaffirm stand for continued neutrality. Roosevelt speech to be broadcast to Latin America and Puerto Rico in Spanish and Portuguese. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

ALIEN INQUIRY URGED IN ARGENTINA by Deputy Raúl Toborda, who asks Congressional investigation of totalitarian activities. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

ARGENTINE PARACHUTE CORPS PLANNED as 40 students begin training. (N. Y. Times)

BRAZILIAN SHIP DISABLED in heavy storm between Capetown, South Africa, and Buenos Aires. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

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NAZI DIPLOMAT LINKED TO CHILEAN DISORDER. New York sources quoted as saying Dr. Kurt Rieth, now in New York City, conferred at Santiago, Chile, with German Ambassadors to Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Peru en route to U. S. Following conference, Chile's Nazi party became more active and propaganda in some Chilean newspapers shifted from anti-British to anti-United States. (N. Y. Herald Tribune)

CHILEAN NAZI LEADER AGAIN RESTRAINED after evading police guarding his home. Jorge González von Marée to be placed in institution for mental cases for observation, Ministry of Interior announces. (N. Y. Times)

COLOMBIA DEFENDS U. S. LOAN, Ministry of War assuring people that there is no danger to Colombian sovereignty. (N. Y. Times)

CUBAN SAYS COMMUNISM BEING PROTECTED by Cuban Government. Representative Emilio Núñez Portuondo says: "Cuban Government wants all the advantages and none of the responsibilities" of cooperation with U. S. Urges U. S. to "improve its propaganda in Latin America." (N. Y. Times)

ECUADOR AWARDS MEDALS to former Minister of War, Gaio Plaza Lasso, and George L. Capwell, American public utilities manager at Guayaquil, for services to sports in Ecuador. Capwell helped develop baseball and swimming. (N. Y. Times)

18 U. S. FIRMS TRANSFER AGENCIES in El Salvador from German and Italian to North American and Salvadorean representatives. (N. Y. Times)

ANTI-DEMOCRATIC DOCTRINES BARRED FROM SCHOOLS of El Salvador by Minister of Education. Teachers directed to explain democratic doctrines. (N. Y. Times)

NICARAGUA'S FIRST WOMAN DOCTOR is Señorita Celina Benavides, awarded degree by University of Leon. (N. Y. Times)

PANAMA CABINET MEMBER, Raul de Roux, Foreign Minister, to arrive in Washington Wednesday for visit. (Washington Post)

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May 28, 1941.

LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AT WHITE HOUSE for President's speech. Honor guests were envoys of other 20 American Republics, who were to have been guests at reception for President at Pan American Union May 14, which was cancelled. (Washington Post).

U.S. COMPETITION WITH AXIS AIRLINES in Latin America begins, with assignment of Tom Hardin, president of Southwest Feeder Airlines, to Colombia to take charge of establishment of network of U.S. air routes. Government buys score of transport planes for use in proposed interior South American routes. Understand various South American countries will soon move to cancel franchises of German and Italian lines, whereupon new U.S. service will move in. (N.Y. Times).

LUNCHEON HONORS ARGENTINE GUESTS, Vice Admiral José Guisasola, Chief of Staff of the Argentine Navy, and Señora Guisasola. Luncheon given by First Secretary of Argentine Embassy and Señora de Pardo. (Washington Post).

AXIS SHIP LINES GIVE UP OFFICES in Panama Canal Zone, turning space over to Canal Zone, effective June 1. Hamburg American Line, North German Lloyd and Italian Line affected. Zone officials say action caused by urgent need for space and licenses of lines were not being cancelled. Agent of Italian Line at Cristóbal, Canal Zone, was recently arrested and brought to U.S. pending deportation proceedings in connection with sabotage of Italian ship. (N.Y. Times).

PUERTO RICO TO HONOR REAR ADMIRAL LEAHY, former Governor, with degree of Doctor of Laws from University of Puerto Rico. (N.Y. Times).

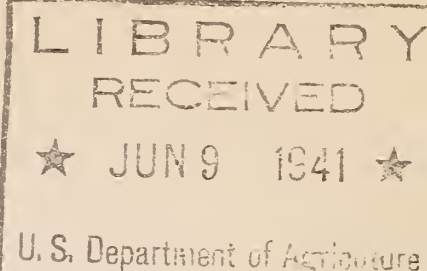
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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

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May 29, 1941.

LATIN PRESS FEATURES ROOSEVELT SPEECH, but official quarters receive it with reserve. Buenos Aires dispatch reports Argentine people at large remain "profoundly neutral in sentiment." Pro-British Mundo only newspaper to commend speech unreservedly. Opening Argentine Congress, acting President Castillo reaffirmed Argentina's neutrality. President Ortiz, in retirement, praises Roosevelt's speech. Brazilian newspapers describe speech as "succinct, positive statement of attitude of U.S. and concrete proclamation meaning business" but do not comment on President's reference to Nazi threat to Brazil. Newspaper Imparcial of Santiago, Chile, refrains from supporting any of parties to war but seconds Mr. Roosevelt's declaration that "Americas as a whole are under shadow of war." Mexican press regards speech as first actual step toward active combat in the war. (N.Y. Times and N.Y. Herald Tribune).

GERMAN REACTION TO ROOSEVELT SPEECH includes statement that it was attempt to impress Central and South America. President apparently wished, authoritative quarters said, to have silence of Latin American guests interpreted as complete agreement with his policies. Silence may be attributed as much to politeness as anything else, Nazis say. (N.Y. Times).

AMERICAN REPUBLICS PLAN EXPORT CONTROL of all war materials as economic defense. Diplomatic negotiations now under way would conserve strategic materials and prohibit re-export of vital goods except to other American nations. At least seven South and Central American countries now have control systems. (N.Y. Times).

ARGENTINE CONGRESS OPENS with address by acting President Castillo, who pledges neutrality and says trade negotiations with U.S. are proceeding in a "singularly satisfactory manner." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

RESTAURANTS SERVE "BIFE BISMARCK"--hamburger steak--in Buenos Aires in honor of British victory over German warship. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

COMMERCE CONFERENCE OPENS at Montevideo, Uruguay. Foreign Minister Alberto Guani, opening American Confederation of Commerce and Production Associations, says all American nations must "discard their selfish aspirations and obtain economic unity." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

U.S. OIL TANKER STRIKERS JAILED by Venezuelan authorities at port of Caripito. Twenty-four members of crew of tanker Josiah Macy quit ship, refusing to sail to Brazil instead of returning to New York. U.S. Embassy says "Venezuela acted completely within its rights." (N.Y. Herald Tribune).





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May 31, 1941.

NEW CARGO SHIP LAUNCHED. Grace liner Santa Elisa, designed for trade between North and South America, goes down ways at Kearny, N.J. (N.Y. Times).

ARGENTINE OPINION QUALIFIED on Roosevelt speech, newspapers La Nacion and La Prensa expressing warm approval, but latter indicating certain resentment that President took upon himself to speak in name of all 21 American Republics. La Nacion calls speech step toward war. Most newspapers commend acting President Castillo's declaration of neutrality in opening Argentine Congress but hold he should have condemned aggression and pledged cooperation with other Americas in defending Western Hemisphere. (N.Y. Times).

NAZI FREIGHTER CAUGHT in attempt to run blockade from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to occupied France, London reports. British would not say if freighter Lech was sunk, scuttled or captured. Ship left Rio de Janeiro April 28. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

STORM HITS SOUTH BRAZIL, with hurricanes at sea and intense cold and heavy snowfall in many areas. Argentine freighter abandoned, sinking, and crew rescued by Spanish liner. City of Caxias reports 14-inch snowfall. (N.Y. Times).

CHILE ACTS TO CUT VALUE OF DOLLAR against peso, ordering banks to buy dollar checks, drafts, etc., at only 25 pesos to the dollar, instead of 31. No explanation offered immediately. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

FREE FRENCH PAPER BANNED IN COLOMBIA, for alleged reason it does not contain name of printer and responsible editor, in violation of law of 1898, reports La Razon of Bogotá. Publication closed is called For Free France. (N.Y. Times).

FORMER KING CAROL REACHES CUBA with Mme. Lupescu, take up residence in Hotel Nacional in Havana. (N.Y. Times).

FREE FRENCH IN GUATEMALA PROTEST Axis cooperation despite recent threat of loss of citizenship for opposition to Vichy Government. (N.Y. Times).

PANAMA CANAL TRAFFIC interrupted several hours when steam locomotive crane falls across towing tracks. (N.Y. Herald Tribune).

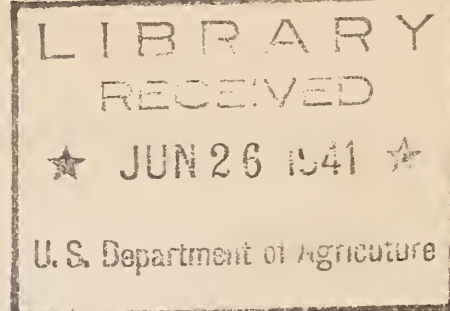
PANAMA'S FOREIGN DEBT CUT more than \$3,000,000 through refunding with bondholders, Finance Minister reports. (N.Y. Times).

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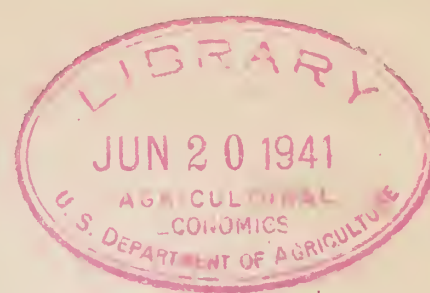


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